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Report Highlights:

South Africa's citrus production for 2005 is expected to increase slightly (2%) from last year because of improved weather conditions in the citrus-growing areas. Exports are expected to increase by 5% from 2004, forecast at about 1.130 million MT. In June 29, 2004, South Africa's Citrus Growers Association signed a protocol governing export of fresh citrus fruit to China. The department published a food-safety regulation that encompasses requirements of the international markets.

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Executive Summary

South Africa's citrus production for 2005 is expected to increase slightly (2%) from last year because of improved weather conditions in the citrus-producing regions. Exports are expected to increase by 5% from 2004, forecast at about 1.130 million MT.

2004 citrus expectations remain unchanged from the previous report. More citrus fruit will be exported due to some drought in major citrus growing countries.

The industry's challenges for 2004 are to continue to gain consumer confidence both locally and internationally, to adhere to and improve food safety measures, traceability and good agricultural practices. On trade, the industry plans to increase trade to Russia, and to penetrate the Indian market. In June 29, 2004, the Citrus Growers Association (CGA) signed a protocol governing export of fresh citrus to China.

Production

The South African citrus industry's marketing season for lemons starts in March and ends in November, May - November for oranges, and April - August for grapefruit. The country is currently experiencing some dry weather in the Northern region, around the Mpumalanga area, that is expected to produce a bigger-sized fruit of good quality, though lower in quantity. Total production is expected slightly lower than last year, at around 1.78 million MT. Prospects for the season are for lower farmer profits resulting from the strengthening of the Rand.

The table below averages total plantings per production region:

South Africa's plantings per production region			
Region	2001	2002	2003
Eastern Cape	473,369	441,902	546,660
Kwazulu Natal	38,250	20,600	36,030
Limpopo	712,026	804,120	930,650
Mpumalanga	192,190	376,205	244,590
North West	106,665	121,350	101,100
Northern Cape	152,215	156,905	116,990
Western Cape	181,534	272,850	365,665
Total	1,856,249	2,193,932	2,341,685

Source: Citrus Growers Association

The Vaalharts area, which was granted certification to export to the U.S., experienced severe frost in 2003/4 that wiped out about 50% of the total crop. Exports to the U.S. are expected to start by 2004/5. The area has four citrus packhouses with the capacity of about 6,000 MT. Harvest season starts around week 16. The citrus products are navels (80%), Valencias and Easy Peelers (20%).

South Africa's Citrus Exports through Special Export Programs						
	2002			2003		
	Presented	Approved	Rejected	Presented	Approved	Rejected
Citrus to the US	53,387	48,806	4,581	81,451	76,914	4,537
Citrus to Japan	78,901	73,699	5,201	98,721	94,874	3,847
Citrus to Korea	3,094	2,016	1,078	6,334	4,461	1,873
Total exports	135,382	124,521	10,860	186,506	176,249	10,257

Source: Citrus Growers Association

Citrus Fruit shipped to the U.S. as at October 29, 2004				
Navel Oranges	Lemons	Clementines	Minneolas	Midnight
21,560.98	242.29	9,468.26	556.68	6,454.11

Source: APHIS-Pretoria

The Citrus industry's Special Export Programs with specific countries are operated under the Deciduous Fruit Producers Trust. Exports to the United States are approved by APHIS inspectors. A total of about 40 citrus and deciduous fruit exporters participate under this program.

Production Subcategory

South Africa, Republic of Oranges, Fresh							
	2002	Revised	2003	Estimate	2004	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		01/2003		01/2004		01/2005	MM/YYYY
Area Planted	39868	39868	40000	40000	0	40100	(HECTARES)
Area Harvested	30019	30019	30040	30040	0	30060	(HECTARES)
Bearing Trees	12908	12908	12920	12920	0	12930	(1000 TREES)
Non-Bearing Trees	4235	4235	4280	4280	0	4300	(1000 TREES)
TOTAL No. Of Trees	17143	17143	17200	17200	0	17230	(1000 TREES)
Production	1265	1265	1260	1260	0	1300	(1000 MT)
Imports	7	7	7	7	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	1272	1272	1267	1267	0	1300	(1000 MT)
Exports	752	752	760	760	0	800	(1000 MT)
Fresh Dom. Consumption	277	277	280	280	0	280	(1000 MT)
Processing	243	243	227	227	0	220	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1272	1272	1267	1267	0	1300	(1000 MT)

South Africa, Republic of 65 Degrees Brix Orange Juice (MT)							
	2002	Revised	2003	Estimate	2004	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		01/2003		01/2004		01/2005	MM/YYYY
Deliv. To Processors	243000	243000	227000	227000	0	220000	(MT)
Beginning Stocks	2031	2031	3208	3208	3478	3478	(MT)
Production	24570	24570	24570	24570	0	21780	(MT)
Imports	195	195	200	200	0	0	(MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	26796	26796	27978	27978	3478	25258	(MT)
Exports	11588	11588	11500	11500	0	11000	(MT)
Domestic Consumption	12000	12000	13000	13000	0	13000	(MT)
Ending Stocks	3208	3208	3478	3478	0	1258	(MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	26796	26796	27978	27978	0	25258	(MT)

South Africa, Republic of Lemons, Fresh							
	2002	Revised	2003	Estimate	2004	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		01/2003		01/2004		01/2005	MM/YYYY
Area Planted	5238	5238	5250	5250	0	5250	(HECTARES)
Area Harvested	3000	3000	3100	3100	0	3150	(HECTARES)
Bearing Trees	1586	1586	1900	1900	0	1930	(1000 TREES)
Non-Bearing Trees	914	914	725	725	0	730	(1000 TREES)
TOTAL No. Of Trees	2500	2500	2625	2625	0	2660	(1000 TREES)
Production	211	211	250	250	0	250	(1000 MT)
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	211	211	250	250	0	250	(1000 MT)
Exports	131	131	150	150	0	160	(1000 MT)
Fresh Dom. Consumption	17	17	20	20	0	20	(1000 MT)
Processing	63	63	80	80	0	70	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	211	211	250	250	0	250	(1000 MT)

South Africa, Republic of Grapefruit, Fresh							
	2002	Revised	2003	Estimate	2004	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		01/2003		01/2004		01/2005	MM/YYYY
Area Planted	5350	5350	5000	5000	0	4900	(HECTARES)
Area Harvested	3876	3876	3470	3470	0	3330	(HECTARES)
Bearing Trees	1558	1558	1390	1390	0	1340	(1000 TREES)
Non-Bearing Trees	592	592	620	620	0	630	(1000 TREES)
TOTAL No. Of Trees	2150	2150	2010	2010	0	1970	(1000 TREES)
Production	268	268	240	240	0	230	(1000 MT)
Imports	3	3	3	3	0	3	(1000 MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	271	271	243	243	0	233	(1000 MT)
Exports	186	186	170	170	0	170	(1000 MT)
Fresh Dom. Consumption	10	10	10	10	0	10	(1000 MT)
Processing	75	75	63	63	0	53	(1000 MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	271	271	243	243	0	233	(1000 MT)

Over the past three years, there has been a reduction of grapefruit orchards because of the sugar project around Mpumalanga area, as well as uprooting of old trees to plant new varieties that are demanded by the Japanese market. The 2005 grapefruit forecast is about 230,000 MT, a 4% decrease from 2004.

Consumption

South Africa's 2005 domestic consumption of citrus is expected to remain the same as 2004 because growers prefer exporting rather than selling on the local market.

Consumption Subcategory

Prices are indicated below:

South Africa's Average real producer/wholesale Prices for Fresh Citrus (US\$/MT)			
Year (Jan-Dec)	Oranges	Lemons	Grapefruit
2000/2001	80.86	116.87	78.03
2001/2002	73.00	112.64	82.55
2002/2003	122.35	209.39	159.26

Source: NDA

Trade

South Africa's citrus industry expects to export 51% of its fresh fruit products to the EU. 15% will reach the Middle East, both Russia and Japan will receive 10%, both the U.S./Canada and Asia/Far East will receive 7% and less than one percent will be exported to Eastern Europe. South African lemons have an advantage in the EU because of the disqualification of Brazil and Argentina in that market this year.

Total exports of oranges from January to July 2004 reached about 288,458 MT, a slight decrease from the same period last year. Exports of oranges destined to the U.S. decreased by 23%. About 55,000 MT were destined to Netherlands, 26,000 MT to the U.K., and Mozambique received about 25,500 MT during the same period. Imports of oranges from January to July 2004 increased by 39% from the same period last year. 96% of the total 4,673 MT imports during the period were from Zimbabwe, with the rest from Israel and Zambia.

South Africa did not import any lemons during January-July 2004. In the same period, of the total exports of about 76,700 MT, Saudi Arabia received about 12,500 MT, U.A. Emirates about 11,500 MT, Netherlands 7,200, the U.K. about 7,000 MT, and Hong Kong about 6,300 MT. No lemons were shipped to the U.S.

Fresh grapefruit exports reached a total of about 197,000 MT from January – July 2004, an increase of 22% from the same period in 2003. Japan received about 66,600 MT, Netherlands about 39,600 MT, Mozambique about 22,900 MT, and the U.S. about 70 MT. Imports were about 2199 MT, mainly from Zimbabwe. In the same period last year, grapefruit imports amounted to 2168 MT.

Trade Subcategory

South Africa, Republic of Oranges, Fresh			
Time Period	Jan-Dec	Units:	MT
Imports for:	2002		2003
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Zimbabwe	5,565	Zimbabwe	5,770
Spain	65	Spain	260
Israel	93	Canada	189
		Israel	132
		Swaziland	95
Total for Others	5723		6446
Others not Listed	0		1
Grand Total	5723		6447

Source: WTA

South Africa, Republic of Oranges, Fresh			
Time Period	Jan-Dec	Units:	MT
Exports for:	2002		2003
U.S.	17,152	U.S.	25,670
Others		Others	
Netherlands	96,252	Netherlands	100,806
U.K.	90,003	Russia	97,362
Russia	85,856	U.K.	68,502
Saudi Arabia	71,837	Saudi Arabia	57,529
Hong Kong	49,615	Mozambique	55,645
Mozambique	46,512	Spain	38,630
Belgium	41,627	U.A.Emirates	37,675
Spain	34,317	Hong Kong	37,050
U.A.Emirates	30,509	Belgium	35,811
Italy	26,610	Italy	26,830
Total for Others	573138		555840
Others not Listed	124,428		144,940
Grand Total	714718		726450

Source: WTA

South Africa, Republic of Lemons, Fresh			
Time Period	Jan-Dec	Units:	MT
Exports for:	2002		2003
U.S.	383	U.S.	1,101
Others		Others	
Saudi Arabia	16,968	Saudi Arabia	19,023
U.A.Emirates	11,986	Belgium	17,175
U.K.	9,245	U.K.	15,769
Hong Kong	7,766	U.A.Emirates	14,780
Belgium	6,216	Japan	11,578
Netherlands	5,079	Hong Kong	9,769
Japan	4,293	Russia	9,213
Italy	4,107	Italy	7,306
Germany	1,706	Netherlands	5,892
Russia	1,580	Spain	4,320
Total for Others	68946		114825
Others not Listed	10,619		15,305
Grand Total	79948		131231

Source: WTA

South Africa, Republic of Grapefruit, Fresh			
Time Period	Jan-Dec	Units:	MT
Imports for:	2002		2003
U.S.	0	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Zimbabwe	1,399	Zimbabwe	1,985
Israel	275	Israel	441
Spain	33	Canada	45
Iceland	5	Spain	44
Total for Others	1712		2515
Others not Listed	0		0
Grand Total	1712		2515

Source: WTA

South Africa, Republic of Grapefruit, Fresh			
Time Period	Jan-Dec	Units:	MT
Exports for:	2002		2003
U.S.	173	U.S.	416
Others		Others	
Japan	39,202	Japan	64,896
Netherlands	34,282	Netherlands	37,961
U.K.	26,221	U.K.	19,023
Mozambique	17,436	Italy	14,704
Belgium	9,767	Mozambique	11,624
Italy	8,915	Belgium	6,857
Spain	5,068	Spain	3,953
Canada	4,889	Canada	3,711
Germany	4,520	Russia	3,628
France	4,265	France	3,545
Total for Others	154565		169902
Others not Listed	14,102		15,386
Grand Total	168840		185704

Source: WTA

Stocks

No Stocks

Stocks Subcategory

No Stocks

Policy

In 2004, the Department of Agriculture published food safety regulations that encompass requirements of the international exporting countries. The legislation included both Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Good Managerial Practices (GMP) and its implementation starts from January 01, 2005. There will be a road show in all provinces to address all food safety issues. In the citrus industry, audits will be conducted to determine compliance of the Food Business Operators (FBO's). The first audits are expected to be completed at the end of October 2004, and would be repeated every three years. Farms already using EUREPGAP accreditation schemes may not be audited if they can submit their copy of certificates to PPECB.

Policy Subcategory

None

Marketing

In June 29, 2004, the South African Citrus Growers Association signed a protocol governing the export of fresh citrus fruit to China. The citrus protocol was one of the eight agreements signed during the meeting with the Vice Presidents of the two countries in Pretoria.

The Administration of Quality, Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of China is now expected to inspect South Africa's citrus industry, orchards, pack-houses, cold stores and port facilities before the beginning of trade. China has been South Africa's top priority strategic new market for the past three to four years.

Marketing Subcategory

The marketing season for citrus by variety is indicated below:

South Africa's citrus marketing calendar							
ORANGES		SOFT CITRUS		GRAPEFRUIT		LEMONS	
Proteas	May, 01 – August 07	Satsumas	March 15 – July 31	Marsh	April 01 – Sept 30	Eureka	March 01 – Nov 30
Tomangoes	May, 01 – August 07	Clementines	May 01 – August 31	Rose	April 01 - Sept 30		
Shamoutis	May 15 – Sept 15	Novas	May 01 – August 31	Star	April 15 - August 31		
Navelas	May 15 – Sept 15	Minneolas	May 15 – Sept 15	Ray Ruby	April 15 – August 31		
Navelates	June 15 – Sept 15	Tamboirs	May 15 – Sept 15				
Late Navelas	July 01 – August 31	Temples	April 15 – Sept 07				
Valencias	July 01 – Nov 30						
Midnights	August 01 – Nov 15						
Delta Seedless	July 01 – Nov 15						